



CARLISLE

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Carlisle offers peaceful residential living located within a short ride of Boston. Carlisle maintains a rich tradition in the preservation of open space and scenic ways and almost 20% of the town's 15 square miles is dedicated conservation land. The town serves as the home of the only working cranberry bog in Middlesex County and also offers residents and visitors the beauty of Great Brook State Farm Park, numerous hiking trails and open fields.

Carlisle maintains a small-town atmosphere with the enthusiastic support of its citizenry. The town operates by the historic open town meeting form of government and its residents volunteer their time to serve on the town's boards and committees. Carlisle also offers an excellent elementary school system and is joined with the Town of Concord to offer a quality high school education.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Concord on the south, Acton and Westford on the west, Chelmsford on the north, and Billerica and Bedford on the east. Carlisle is about 11 miles south of Lowell, 20 miles northwest of Boston, 26 miles east of Fitchburg, and 218 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 15.53 sq. miles

Land Area: 15.36 sq. miles

Population: 4,333

Density: 282 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Bedford Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Billerica, Westford

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 369-6155

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1805

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	2,867		
Democrats	647	22.6	%
Republicans	607	21.2	%
Other parties	4	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,609	56.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Carlisle town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	4,717	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	4,717	100.0
Male.....	2,338	49.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	56	1.2
Female.....	2,379	50.4	Mexican.....	8	0.2
Under 5 years.....	340	7.2	Puerto Rican.....	6	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	439	9.3	Cuban.....	1	-
10 to 14 years.....	461	9.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	41	0.9
15 to 19 years.....	280	5.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	4,661	98.8
20 to 24 years.....	85	1.8	White alone.....	4,364	92.5
25 to 34 years.....	213	4.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	884	18.7	Total population.....	4,717	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,033	21.9	In households.....	4,717	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	339	7.2	Householder.....	1,618	34.3
60 to 64 years.....	248	5.3	Spouse.....	1,271	26.9
65 to 74 years.....	277	5.9	Child.....	1,641	34.8
75 to 84 years.....	81	1.7	Own child under 18 years.....	1,423	30.2
85 years and over.....	37	0.8	Other relatives.....	83	1.8
Median age (years).....	41.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	21	0.4
18 years and over.....	3,272	69.4	Nonrelatives.....	104	2.2
Male.....	1,606	34.0	Unmarried partner.....	50	1.1
Female.....	1,666	35.3	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	3,177	67.4	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	525	11.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	395	8.4	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	202	4.3	Total households.....	1,618	100.0
Female.....	193	4.1	Family households (families).....	1,372	84.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	751	46.4
One race.....	4,656	98.7	Married-couple family.....	1,271	78.6
White.....	4,409	93.5	With own children under 18 years.....	693	42.8
Black or African American.....	8	0.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	76	4.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	3	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	46	2.8
Asian.....	228	4.8	Nonfamily households.....	246	15.2
Asian Indian.....	59	1.3	Householder living alone.....	184	11.4
Chinese.....	122	2.6	Householder 65 years and over.....	79	4.9
Filipino.....	1	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	764	47.2
Japanese.....	11	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	289	17.9
Korean.....	32	0.7	Average household size.....	2.92	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.18	(X)
Other Asian ¹	3	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	1,655	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,618	97.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	37	2.2
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	2	-	occasional use.....	8	0.5
Some other race.....	6	0.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.6	(X)
Two or more races.....	61	1.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.9	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,618	100.0
White.....	4,468	94.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,518	93.8
Black or African American.....	21	0.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	100	6.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	18	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.96	(X)
Asian.....	255	5.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.30	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	7	0.1			
Some other race.....	12	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Carlisle is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 2 and State Route 225, which runs NW-SE between Interstate Route 495 and State Route 128.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Carlisle, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Carlisle is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

Other

The Boston docks, bus terminals, and Logan International Airport are easily accessible from Carlisle. Additional air service is available at L.G. Hanscom Field in neighboring Bedford. Hanscom Field is a General Aviation Airport with two paved runways: a 5,100' runway and a 7,000' runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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